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EXPLANATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF H. R. 5871

(References are to Section, page, and line of H. R. 5871).

Section 1 (page 1, line 4) comprises definitions of certain terms used in the Act.

Section 2 (page 2, line 8) provides for a seal of office. Intelligence records contain information that is sometimes required for official use either in other Departments or as evidence in legal proceedings. Unless proper authentication of copies can be made, original documents would have to be produced.

Section 3(a) (page 2, line 13) provides for the extension to CIA of certain provisions of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 (Public Law 413, 80th Congress). The following provisions of Section 2(c) of the Armed Services Procurement Act are requested which provide for negotiation on purchases and contracts for supplies without advertising if:

There is a national emergency, (Sec. 2(c)(1));

The public exigency will not admit a delay,
(Sec. 2(c)(2));